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In re application of:
Yuko FUKAWA et al.
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TRANSMITTAL OF
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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2. The information disclosure statement transmitted herewith is being filed *after* the period specified in §1.97(b), but *before* the mailing date of a final action under §1.113, or a notice of allowance under §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, whichever occurs first. A statement specified in §1.97(e) or a fee set forth in §1.17(p) is included. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c).

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OR

that no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in

§1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the statement. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2).

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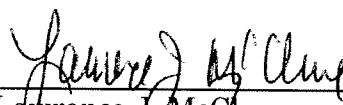
5. A list of 1 reference(s) is in the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE REFERENCES

- Enclosed is a German language office action and its English translation for a counterpart application.
- Applicant provides a machine translation of German published application number 4241439 as a matter of courtesy. The translation has not been reviewed for accuracy.
- Set forth below are comments provided by the applicant's home country counsel on the relevancy of non-English language references: N/A

Respectfully submitted,
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